



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum and Instruction Meeting

Minutes

November 7, 2019

2 p.m.

Central Office

Present: Melinda McKenna, Dot Logan, Wes O'Brien (recording)

Committee recommends for adoption a new Grade 8 textbook, a digital imprint resource titled *American Journey the Early Years* published by Pearson.

The resource includes an app that is accessible without wi-fi, contains read-aloud features and a translation feature, has interactive timelines, and includes a place for students to journal.

Melinda presented the following for information and discussion

- NHHS Unit Plan Template. Uniform planning.
- A new tool to facilitate classroom walk-throughs, which will organize and focus what participants will consider with regard to what is taking place in the classroom. It is an informal walk-through guide intended to inspire conversations about the walk-through experience. It is designed to explore student-centered engagement and feedback, which fosters learning and encourages rigor.

Melinda discussed a number of foci intended for next year. These included

- a focus on social and emotional learning.
- ongoing strategizing about how to budget with an emphasis on the K-2 population and concerns centered around screen time, parental issues and plans to hire more mental health professionals to accommodate what is seen as increasing anxiety levels affecting our young students.

Next meeting is scheduled for 11/14.

Adjourned at 2:53 p.m.